

Amendments to the Claims

1 Claim 1 (currently amended): A method for indicating criteria for organizing electronic objects,
2 comprising steps of:

3 ~~selecting detecting, by a user input monitor, that a user[[.]] has selected~~ an element of a
4 rendered representation of an electronic object in a manner consistent with settings ~~that are~~
5 defined to indicate selection identification of dynamically-identified, user-defined organizing
6 criteria; and

7 ~~storing, automatically concluding, responsive to the selecting detecting, that the user has~~
8 ~~indicated that the selected element is to become a criterion in a repository of criteria usable for~~
9 organizing electronic objects.

1 Claim 2 (currently amended): The method according to Claim 1, further comprising the step of
2 enabling the user to configure defining the defined settings.

1 Claim 3 (currently amended): The method according to Claim 1, wherein the ~~step of selecting~~
2 detected user selection further comprises the ~~step of selecting~~ selection of a word, a phrase, or
3 one or more contiguous characters in the rendered representation as the selected element.

1 Claim 4 (currently amended): The method according to Claim 3, wherein the word, the phrase,
2 or the characters is/are rendered from ~~contained in~~ a text document.

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1 Claim 5 (currently amended): The method according to Claim 3, wherein the word, the phrase,
2 or the characters is/are rendered from contained in an e-mail message.

1 Claim 6 (currently amended): The method according to Claim 2, wherein the detected user
2 selection step of selecting further comprises the step of selecting selection of a portion of an
3 image in the rendered representation as the element.

1 Claim 7 (currently amended): The method according to Claim 2, wherein the detected user
2 selection step of selecting further comprises the step of selecting selection of one or more words,
3 phrases, or characters in the rendered representation as the element.

1 Claim 8 (currently amended): The method according to Claim 1, wherein the step of selecting
2 detected user selection further comprises the step of selecting selection of a portion of one or
3 more images in the rendered representation as the element.

1 Claim 9 (currently amended): The method according to Claim 1, wherein the storing step stores
2 further comprising the step of storing the selected element in the repository as an organizing
3 criterion.

1 Claim 10 (currently amended): The method according to Claim 1, further comprising the step of
2 using the selected element to format as an organizing criterion in a rule that can subsequently be

3. used for organizing stored documents.

1 Claim 11 (currently amended): The method according to Claim 1, wherein the detecting
2 selecting-step further comprises detecting that the user selected the element using a mouse device
3 in the selecting step.

1 Claim 12 (currently amended): The method according to Claim 1, wherein the detecting
2 selecting step further comprises detecting that the user selected the element using a light pen
3 device in the selecting step.

1 Claim 13 (currently amended): The method according to Claim 1, wherein the detecting
2 selecting-step further comprises detecting that the user selected the element using a plasma panel
3 device in the selecting step.

1 Claim 14 (currently amended): The method according to Claim 1, wherein the detecting
2 selecting-step further comprises detecting that the user selected the element using an audio
3 mechanism in the selecting step.

1 Claim 15 (currently amended): The method according to Claim 1, wherein the detecting
2 selecting-step further comprises detecting that the user selected the element using a video
3 mechanism in the selecting step.

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1 Claim 16 (currently amended): The method according to Claim 1, wherein the settings specify
2 that ~~[[an]]~~ the element of ~~[[a]]~~ the rendered representation of a particular electronic object must
3 be swiped multiple times to indicate selection of that element.

1 Claim 17 (currently amended): The method according to Claim 1, wherein, responsive to the
2 ~~automatically concluding~~ detecting step, the selected element is added to organizing criteria of an
3 index, such that the index thereby becomes adaptive to user actions.

1 Claim 18 (currently amended): A system for indicating criteria for organizing electronic objects,
2 comprising:

3 means for ~~selecting~~ detecting, by a user input monitor, that a user has selected an element
4 of a rendered representation of an electronic object in a manner consistent with settings that are
5 defined to indicate ~~selection~~ identification of dynamically-identified, user-defined organizing
6 criteria;

7 means for ~~concluding~~ storing, responsive to the means for ~~selecting~~ detecting, ~~that the~~
8 ~~user has indicated that the~~ selected element ~~is to become a criterion in a repository of criteria~~
9 usable for organizing electronic objects; and

10 means for using the selected element ~~to format as an organizing criterion in~~ a rule that
11 can subsequently be used for organizing stored electronic objects.

1 Claim 19 (currently amended): A computer program product for indicating criteria for
2 organizing electronic objects, the computer program product embodied on one or more
3 computer-readable media and comprising:

4 computer-readable program code means for ~~selecting detecting~~, by a user input monitor,
5 that a user has selected an element of a rendered representation of an electronic object in a
6 manner consistent with settings that are defined to indicate selection identification of
7 dynamically-identified, user-defined organizing criteria;

8 computer-readable program code means for ~~concluding storing~~, responsive to the
9 computer-readable program code means for ~~selecting detecting~~, ~~that the user has indicated that~~
10 the selected element is to become a criterion in a repository of criteria usable for organizing
11 electronic objects; and

12 computer-readable program code means for using the selected element ~~to format as an~~
13 organizing criterion in a rule that can subsequently be used for organizing stored electronic
14 objects.

1 Claim 20 (currently amended): The method according to Claim 1, further comprising the step of
2 providing the selected element as a selectable choice for inclusion as an organizing criterion in
3 ~~formatting one or more rules that can subsequently be used for organizing electronic objects.~~